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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Planning, Programming, and Budgeting

John:

You will recall that the Bureau of the Budget denied us \$300,000 in funds and nineteen positions in Fiscal Year 1970 on the assumption that we would eliminate or rather drastically curtail our activities [REDACTED]. Quite frankly, I think we shot ourselves in the foot by not marshalling all the facts available in the Agency to justify continuation of these activities on about their present scale.

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As you know, I personally visited [REDACTED] and after rather good briefings by personnel from the Office of Training, the [REDACTED] and the Technical Services Division, I concluded that we should continue on this basis and should reprogram funds and positions from other activities in order to do so. I asked [REDACTED] to assemble and record the various justifications for this decision.

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I have just read the paper which he forwarded to me and his memorandum of 30 April 1969. I think the rationale contained therein is sound and that the justification is entirely adequate to support this decision. I doubt it is necessary to disseminate this paper further, but I would like it kept readily available in PPB, since we will undoubtedly have to support our decision when requesting funds and positions for Fiscal Year 1971. At that time I want to ensure that all Agency components which have an interest in this facility are consulted, that everyone hews to the party line, and assuming the justification remains unchanged that we put our best foot forward in defending the continuation of the activities carried on there.

/s/ L. K. White

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cc: DTR
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